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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims **Extra Claims** **Fee (\$)** **Fee Paid (\$)** **Multiple Dependent Claims**
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 HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20
Indep. Claims **Extra Claims** **Fee (\$)** **Fee Paid (\$)**
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METHOD FOR GROWING A GATE OXIDE LAYER ON A SILICON SURFACE
WITH PRELIMINARY N2O ANNEAL

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AMENDMENT

5 Sir:

In response to the Office action of September 22, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

10 Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.